

**Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1992-1998**  
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel <sup>a</sup>	Pipeline Fuel <sup>b</sup>	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
<b>1992 Total</b> .....	1,171	588	4,690	<sup>c</sup> 2,803	7,527	2,766	17,786	19,544
<b>1993 Total</b> .....	1,172	624	4,956	<sup>c</sup> 2,863	7,981	2,682	18,483	20,279
<b>1994 Total</b> .....	1,124	685	4,848	<sup>c</sup> 2,897	8,167	2,987	18,899	20,708
<b>1995 Total</b> .....	1,220	700	4,850	<sup>c</sup> 3,034	8,580	3,197	19,660	21,581
<b>1996</b>								
January .....	106	85	934	480	800	168	2,382	2,574
February .....	101	77	831	443	747	137	2,158	2,335
March .....	106	72	705	387	781	156	2,030	2,209
April .....	104	59	474	284	736	170	1,663	1,826
May .....	106	50	271	183	701	264	1,420	1,576
June .....	102	46	162	133	710	299	1,305	1,454
July .....	105	46	124	126	677	358	1,285	1,436
August .....	105	47	118	123	704	367	1,312	1,465
September .....	102	45	138	124	706	285	1,253	1,399
October .....	104	49	243	171	737	226	1,378	1,531
November .....	103	62	503	295	764	170	1,732	1,896
December .....	105	74	738	409	807	132	2,086	2,266
<b>Total</b> .....	1,250	711	5,241	<sup>c</sup> 3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
<b>1997</b>								
January .....	<sup>E</sup> 107	82	907	478	804	139	2,328	2,516
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	73	767	428	748	143	2,086	2,256
March .....	<sup>E</sup> 107	68	609	366	768	190	1,933	2,108
April .....	<sup>E</sup> 102	58	436	273	732	193	1,634	1,794
May .....	<sup>E</sup> 106	52	288	213	712	231	1,443	1,601
June .....	<sup>E</sup> 101	47	165	161	687	296	1,309	1,458
July .....	<sup>E</sup> 105	50	129	149	685	428	1,391	1,546
August .....	<sup>E</sup> 104	49	117	147	713	391	1,368	1,522
September .....	<sup>E</sup> 102	47	130	146	687	333	1,296	1,445
October .....	<sup>E</sup> 105	50	235	194	704	246	1,379	1,533
November .....	<sup>E</sup> 104	61	499	318	723	180	1,721	1,885
December .....	<sup>E</sup> 107	75	732	414	790	199	2,134	2,316
<b>Total</b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 1,245	712	5,014	3,286	8,753	2,969	20,022	21,980
<b>1998</b>								
January .....	<sup>E</sup> 107	78	794	445	799	171	2,209	2,393
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	68	681	392	730	134	1,936	2,102
March .....	<sup>E</sup> 107	69	635	368	749	194	1,946	2,122
April .....	<sup>E</sup> 102	55	405	254	694	190	1,543	<sup>R</sup> 1,701
May .....	<sup>RE</sup> 105	51	219	175	744	293	1,431	<sup>R</sup> 1,587
June .....	<sup>E</sup> 102	47	151	145	641	379	1,316	1,466
July(STIFS) .....	<sup>E</sup> 103	<sup>E</sup> 50	<sup>E</sup> 134	<sup>E</sup> 148	<sup>E</sup> 677	NA	<sup>E</sup> 1,389	<sup>E</sup> 1,542
August(STIFS) .....	<sup>E</sup> 103	<sup>E</sup> 48	<sup>E</sup> 120	<sup>E</sup> 145	<sup>E</sup> 708	NA	<sup>E</sup> 1,409	<sup>E</sup> 1,560
September(STIFS) .....	<sup>E</sup> 101	<sup>E</sup> 48	<sup>E</sup> 130	<sup>E</sup> 148	<sup>E</sup> 690	NA	<sup>E</sup> 1,304	<sup>E</sup> 1,453
<b>1998 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 929	<sup>E</sup> 515	<sup>E</sup> 3,269	<sup>E</sup> 2,220	<sup>E</sup> 6,431	1,361	<sup>E</sup> 14,483	<sup>E</sup> 15,927
<b>1997 YTD</b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 931	526	3,548	2,361	6,536	1,193	14,789	16,246
<b>1996 YTD</b> .....	938	527	3,758	2,283	6,562	1,194	14,807	16,272

<sup>a</sup> Plant fuel data are only collected on an annual basis and monthly lease fuel data are only collected annually. Lease and plant fuel estimates have been between 6 and 7 percent of marketed production annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

<sup>b</sup> Pipeline fuel use is only collected on an annual basis. Annually it is between 3 and 4 percent of total consumption. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption (excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

<sup>c</sup> Vehicle fuel deliveries, in billion cubic feet, were 0.4 in 1991, 0.5 in 1992, 1.0 in 1993, 1.7 in 1994, 2.7 in 1995 and 2.9 in 1996.

<sup>d</sup> Year-to-date volume represents months for which volume information is available in the current year.

<sup>R</sup> = Revised Data.

<sup>E</sup> = Estimated Data.

<sup>RE</sup> = Revised Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1992 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Estimates for the most recent three months are derived from the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1992-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-627, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," (thru 1994), Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," (1995 forward), Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. January 1997 through the current month: EIA: Form 895, "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.